the cadre of Laboratory Assistants, introduction of a large number of subjects like Drawing, Music etc. at plus 2 stage and provision of class IV employees for school library have not been found acceptable. The Joint Consultative Machinery has been constituted in the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan which will provide the appropriate forum for bilateral talks.

Agha Khan as State Guest in India

974. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Agha Khan, the religious head of the Ismaili community was treated as state guest when he visited New Delhi earlier this year and the capitals of Maharashtra and Gujarat;

(b) if so, what are the names of other religious heads who have been treated as state guest when they visited Delhi or capitals of various States;

(c) whether the Agha Khan made any donation to any person or organisation; if so, what are the details thereof:

(d) what is the nationality of the Agha Khan; and

(e) what are the norms and guidelines for inviting religious heads to the country and to be treated as state guests?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In the recent past, His Holiness Pope John Paul-II was treated as guest of the Government of India during his visit to India from February 1 to 10, 1986.

(c) It is not known to the Ministry of External Affairs whether any donation was made.

(d) His Highness the Aga Khan is British by birth and holds a French passport.

(e) No norms or guidelines have been laid down in this regard and there is no need to lay down such norms.

Crash Programme of Education for the benefit of SCs/STs

975. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI:
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to initiate a crash programme of education and other developmental inputs for the benefit of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in hamlets which do *not* have primary schools, but have 200 or more Scheduled Castes|Scheduled Tribes members;

(b) whether about 10,000 habitations have been identified under the programme in 10 States;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and whether Madhya Pradesh is one of them; and

(d) by what time the said scheme is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) to (d) Under the Action Plan in Key Areas for the Development of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, the Government propose a package of services in 10,000 habitations having 200 or more Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe population (or combination of both) in States having a sizeable SC/ST population, namely, Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal.

This package of benefits include (i) setting up a non-formal education centre with a building if there is no primary school in the vicinity, (ii) provision of a handpump/drinking water source, (iii) street lighting and single point light connections to the poorest households under the Kutir Jyoti Programme, (iv) Irrigation wells to small and marginal SC/ST farmers who do not have irrigation facilities, and (v) verification and restoration of possession of land holdings wherever required, etc.

The process of identification of 10,000 habitations in these 16 States including Madhya Pradesh is under way.

The State Governments have been requested to take expeditious action to ensure that all the components in the package included in the Action Plan are provided early.

Refusal by Some Port and Dock Workers' Federations to sign MOU with Government

976. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the four port and dock workers' federations refused to sign a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with Government; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Increase in Air Freight by Air India, Airlines aircraft at Delhi Airport

977. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:

SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an Indian Airlines aircraft TU 154 was damaged when an airport bus rammed into the aircraft at Delhi Airport recently;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof stating the estimated expenditure likely to be incurred on the repairs of the damaged aircraft;

(c) what is the outcome of the inquiry, if any conducted by Government in this regard; and

(d) what action Government have taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) On 16.6.89, aircraft TU-154 of Indian Airlines was damaged due to coming into contact with a passenger coach. The left hand-wing tip of the aircraft was damaged.

The aircraft is on lease from Aeroflot and charges towards insurance premium are included in the lease charges. As such, cost of repairs incurred by Aeroflot will be reimbursed by their insurer.

(c) As per inquiry the cause of the accident was manoeuvring of the vehicle in the near vicinity of the aircraft with higher than the recommended speed and not keeping a safe distance from the aircraft.

(d) The operator of the vehicle has been put under suspension pending disciplinary action.